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The responses to my request in March Magazine to know whether or not it was your wish that addresses be printed in full with contributions to the "Floral Friends" department, rather than merely the State, as has been our custom heretofore in order that readers might know what particular section of the country was covered, are unanimously, "yes." I left it entirely to you to decide, and from now on all newly received letters printed in the "Corner" will contain the real names and full addresses, excepting when a correspondent requests otherwise. Of course, you understand, letters already in hand, and I have quite a lot of them, cannot all be supplied with addresses.

And now I am wondering if those who voted in the affirmative realize fully what giving postoffice addresses may mean? And I ask you to remember that the question was carried by the contributors themselves. Do you know, I would not be greatly surprised if some of you, more particularly those who contribute rather regularly, would be called upon to answer a hundred, and even as many as a thousand letters in a single year! Judging from my experience at Lapark, I would say one used to dictating, with a competent stenographer, could reply to from thirty-five to forty on an average daily. Please understand this is not to frighten you, but only to suggest the possibility that your housekeeping arrangements may be somewhat disarranged.

Then there is an objection to printing the addresses from my own personal point of view, that possibly you may not have thought of. You can judge from what I have previously written that I consider the "Friends' Floral" letters one of the most valuable and important features of the Magazine, and I am haunted quite a little with the fear that if, through publishing full names and addresses, you are given an opportunity to correspond one with another letters for me to publish in the "Corner" may drop off seriously in number, very greatly to the disappointment of readers and harmfully to the Magazine.

I think it wise, therefore, that it be frankly understood that just the moment I learn that the burden of answering letters is becoming too great for contributors, or I am not receiving letters in sufficient number and of the quality I need to maintain the interest in this particular department of the Magazine, I shall again drop out the postoffice addresses.

And now let me thank all of you who wrote for taking sufficient interest in any request of mine to do so. You can have no idea what a satisfaction it is to an editor to receive such numerous and interesting responses to an inquiry he may make on his own particular page. The effect is to set him dreaming as to what might be accomplished towards some particular end on which he has his heart set if his pen might be gifted with some magic that would bring him, over night, a letter from every reader. How intimately I, as Editor of Parks' Floral Magazine, for example, would know the floral interests and ambitions of every one of you, and how helpful your letters would be

in directing my work so that the Magazine might be more interesting and helpful to you. As it is, I try sincerely to give you what I feel should be of the greatest interest and assistance to you in your floral work. I do wish I had more space, because there is so much matter to choose from, but you will agree with me that at the present very low subscription price the publishers are giving us all we can reasonably expect.

EDITOR.

APRIL REMINDEERS

Gradually remove the Winter mulch from bulb and flower beds.

Spade in fertilizer lightly around herbaceous plants and bulbs—use sheep manure plentifully or bone meal wisely.

If your soil has become sufficiently warm and dry so that it can be dug and worked up without danger of baking, I advise the earliest possible planting of Sweet Peas.

Later in the month, when the weather is really better, and after hardening them off, some of the more sturdy perennial seedlings, previously started indoors, may be set outside.

Purchase and plant any time now hardy shrubbery; a little later, when the danger of severe freezing is past, set out Roses, etc.

Golden Glow and other Fall flowering plants may be divided any time now and transplanted.

Divide Paeonies before they start to do more than show the slightest growth.

Seeds of hardy annuals may be sown in seed beds, provided the soil is not so wet that it will form a stiff crust. Later, when these plants are large enough, they may be moved to their permanent quarters.

Remember, the "Oriental", perennial Poppy, does not like to be moved; therefore sow the seed where the plant is to grow and bloom.

The first planting of Gladiolus may be made, but do not rush it as there is plenty of time for this wonderful "Sword Lily".

Clean up the beds and paths, repair and paint trellises, arbors, garden seats, etc.

Spade and prepare the beds in your garden so that everything of this nature will be finished before the many activities of May planting time begin to crowd and harass the home gardener.

Bertha Berbert-Hammond.

A THOUGHT OF SPRING

Oft Spring comes creeping down the hills,

In splashes of purple and gold,

The sunshine fills the bees with thrills,

And butterflies their wings unfold.

Zephyrs from the South are blowing,

Hearts o'erflow with gladness and mirth.

Birds send forth a joyous caroling,

To the beauties God gave to old mother earth.

Yes! Springtime laughs in the rippling brook,

As it sings its way to the sea,

It sparkles and leaps o'er golden sands

After dancing through forest and o'er lea.

Beautiful Spring we are glad you are here,

With sunshine and rain from above,

We welcome you as a gift from God,

And thank Him for His wonderful love.

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SPRING

Spring is here, the glad springtime!
See the silvery raindrops falling,
In the valley o'er the hill.
Violets and windflowers calling,
Calling, calling, calling still.
Wake up, lazy blossoms, dear!
Listen! Hear us! Spring is here!

Clara C. Shroeder, Minn.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends:—Strong hay tea will kill the little wire worms which often work at the roots of house plants; also angle worms. I was very anxious for my plants to bloom so got a handful of hay (any kind will do) and put it in a clean pail, then I filled it up with water, either hot or cold, as convenient, if cold I allowed it to stand three to six hours, or over night, then I drained off the tea, which is quite black in color when pure strength. In cold weather I warmed enough of this hay tea to water plants thoroughly. In a few days, when plants are quite dry again, I give them a second watering. It not only kills the worms but acts as a fertilizer—I have seen the difference in the beauty of my blossoms and plants in a week's time. If there are any angle worms in the soil they work out over night and I find them dried up on the floor in the morning. And the tiny white worms, which one can hardly see with the naked eye, come to the top of the ground, too weak to get any further, and die. This treatment should be given twice a month for real good results.

Miss Ella K. Lehmann, R. 1, Belding, Mich.

Dear Floral Friends:—I have written for Parks Magazine for years under the name of "Ima", in the past few months the Editor has forwarded a score of letters to me from different floral sisters who wished to get a plant which I had described. I know he is too busy to bother with us any more, so I am going to tell you my name and address so you can write direct to me, here it is,

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MINA BURGLE; A Goodly Representative of the Decorative Type Dahlia

Spring Planting Bulbs for Summer Flowers

Chiefly Dahlias This Time

BY AMELIA H. BOTSFORD

Gardeners have to be forward-looking folks, taking thought for many to-morrows. We, who want flowers in abundance to adorn our home landscape, to use as decorations indoors and for gifts to friends, must plan and plant wisely and do it now. We can find wonderful material among Summer blooming bulbs. Every year experts are sending out new and improved varieties of Dahlias, Gladioli and Cannas, the three main classes among Summer blooming bulbs.

Ten Thousand Dahlias

A book has recently been published entitled "Ten Thousand named Dahlias." Surely no person can distinguish so many varieties. The distinctions must often be trivial. All of these kinds are the descendants of a Mexican plant whose flower is single and has but the one color, red. A vast improvement in every respect — size, color and shape — has been attained. It is, perhaps, the most popular flower of the day with the Gladiolus and Iris strong competitors.

One great cause of its popularity is that anyone can raise magnificent specimens. It is a plant with which amateur as well as a professional succeeds. The requirements of the Dahlia are simple. Very rich soil is not needed; cultivation is more important than fertilizers. If you would raise large flowers disbudding is demanded and, in fact, one should disbud all Dahlias, except, perhaps, the Pompons.

But since there are now Show, Cactus, Hybrid-Cactus, Decorative, Paeony, Single, Collarette and Pompon types, one must first decide which appeals most to his taste, for one can scarcely raise them all.

And, do you want to raise Dahlias for exhibition, cutting or for garden decoration? There are kinds which produce magnificent

blooms for the flower shows, prize-takers, but are not free-bloomers. Some flowers are lovely but such poor keepers they cannot be used for cutting. If for garden decoration you must have masses of color, and need free bloomers the flowers of which are carried on stiff stems. There is, indeed, little satisfaction in growing any Dahlia which hangs its head. Weak stems are a serious defect though one dislikes to destroy a plant bearing a beautiful flower except for this one fault.

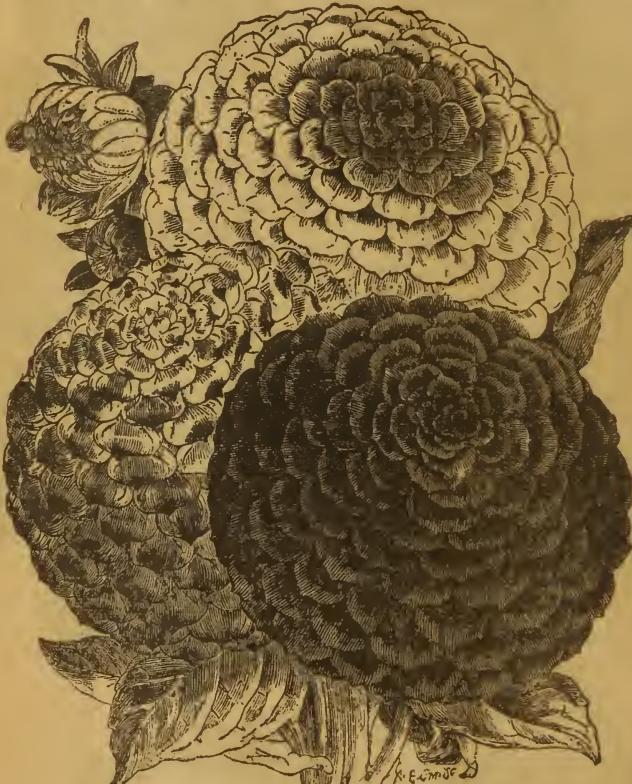
In beginning Dahlia culture it is probably as good a plan as any to buy a collection of

named sorts, (not unnamed varieties). Most dealers offer some of the good, old kinds very reasonably in collections. After growing these for one season the gardener can decide if he prefers Cactus, Paeony-flowered or Decorative. Of course, such collections do not contain any of the novelties such as the new California creations offered at from five to ten dollars a tuber. The Dahlias in a collection have been on the market for years and have proved their worth, though they may not be gigantic flowering.

And really, is not the matter of mere size made too prominent by Dahlia growers? If a flower has perfection of shape, color, stem or foliage why should we ask it to attain the size of a barrel head? I have never heard of a giantess winning a beauty contest; nor do we consider giants necessarily the handsomest of mankind.

One person prefers one of the seven named types of Dahlia to all others, while another type may appeal to another individual.

The Show Dahlia, with funnel, quilled petals, was the earliest introduced and is not so much grown now as the newer types. But they are free bloomers and the flowers keep well. There are some very good ones in this class. A. D. Livoni is a beautiful, clear pink; much



A GROUP OF CHOICE SHOW DAHLIAS

better in color than most pink Dahlias; Dreer's White is as free-flowering as any one can find; shape perfect and color pure. Dreer's Yellow is a little larger, W. W. Rawson is sometimes classed as a "Decorative," but is really a "Show"—it is a fine-shaped flower, white overlaid with mauve; sometimes considered the nearest approach to blue; but the blue Dahlia has not yet been originated.

The Cactus, the Hybrid-Cactus, the Decorative and the Paeony-flowered are the popular, modern types. One surely wants some of each kind, and the lists are so long, and the flowers so varied any taste can be suited. One can scarcely go far amiss when selecting from a good catalogue.

The very largest and finest of the new varieties are mostly grown on the Pacific coast; and a number of California growers have made a great reputation for their introductions, among the foremost, a woman, "Bessie Boston."

But these novelties are beyond the reach of most purses, and we who can not buy while they are held at such high prices should content ourselves with the many handsome kinds which are sold reasonably.

And, we may raise our own Dahlias from seed and perhaps originate some prize-winner in our own back-yard. It is one of the most accommodating traits of this popular plant that it will bloom in the Fall from Spring sown seed. And any one willing to give necessary care to some fine pedigreed seed can have a hundred or so absolutely "new creations" growing and blooming in her own gardez. No flower growing can be more exciting than raising Dahlias from seed.

Of course the Dahlia can be easily increased in other ways. By dividing the stored clumps of tubers in the Spring one can secure a row of plants for each root bought. Or one may raise the green plant, so-called by florists, from cuttings. But both these methods only duplicate the varieties one already possesses. It is from seed all the novelties come. As the Dahlia does not come true from seed one never knows what he will get. Some seedlings may be of little value because so similar to existing sorts; others may have some defect, poor shape, muddy color or weak stem, but if good seed is bought, from a reliable dealer, there are sure to be many fine seedlings in the lot, and probably a few extremely fine, well worth naming, perhaps valuable for the trade.

The craze for growing Dahlias from seed reached our community several years ago. Several of the flower-lovers here combined to buy a packet of seed. This may sound absurd but the seed we purchased is from specialists who charge two, three or five dollars a packet, and the average packet should result in fifty clumps.

It would seem as though any one would know how to plant Dahlia roots, but I have seen beginners make some serious mistakes. And since someone who has not grown Dahlias before may chance to read this I want to give two warnings:

First, never plant a whole clump of Dahlias as it came from the garden, divide it into separate tubers each having a sprout or eye. These eyes are on the neck of the clump. Any tuber you cut off without an eye is worthless; it will remain sound and send out roots, but never produce a stem. Throw away all these blind tubers. I have read that chemists are trying to perfect a method by which sugar

THE WONDERING PANSIES

Pansies seem so wise and thoughtful

As they look with upturned faces
Into ours as we pass by them

In the garden's shady places.

Wonder in their faces always

I can see when passing by them.

Once I listened, creeping softly

Up behind and kneeling nigh them.

This big Pansy, dressed in purple,

Was expressing tons of wonder—

'Bout the trees and 'bout the people,

'Bout the stars and 'bout the thunder;

Wondered how the sun could travel,

How the birds could fly and warble,

How the boys could be so noisy,

And so still that bust of marble.

All the Pansies nodded wisely,

Said they, also, oft had wondered

'Pon these things and thousand others,

Oft had studied, thought and pondered.

"Why do children always love us?"

Said this little one in yellow.

"Is there any duty for us?"

Said this preacher-looking fellow.

"Where's that celebrated Pansy

Who's receiving praise and glory,

Always pleasing children's fancy,

E'er' time she writes a story?"

"Ah, I wonder!" I was the echo,

All the Pansies spake in chorus:

"Some day we may write a story,

Little know we what's before us".

"Ah, I wonder!" I still the echo:

And I left them there to ponder.

And I wondered as I left them,

Of what things they next would wonder.

Ida May Dennison, Denver.

may be extracted from these surplus Dahlia tubers, actually tons of them are wasted every year, as cotton seed, which is now so valuable, used to be wasted.

The second warning is: plant your Dahlia tuber flat; do not set it up like a beet, or parsnip; make a trench six inches deep and lay tubers flat in the bottom, with eye or sprout pointing upwards.

As for fertilizer, bone meal in the trench is perhaps the best, but potash, in the form of woodashes, may be used when plants begin to bloom. And one must cultivate faithfully. It means even more than watering, though the Dahlia appreciates water, too. You must disbud to have large flowers and long-stemmed blooms.

In the May number of the Magazine I shall write a little something practical on Gladiolus and Cannas.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I might tell you how I take care of my Rambler Roses. I put two of one kind, one on each side of the walk, and then my husband built arches for over the walk and put wire netting over this for the Roses to cling to. They are very easily attended to and are not catching to you when you pass them. Our wire netting was three feet. I have a red arch, and a white and pink one, and will put up a yellow this Spring. We raise each arch a few inches. They are very beautiful when in bloom and afford shade as well.

Then at each post where the arch is made I planted Chrysanthemums, Sweet Williams, and Hardy Phlox, so that I have flowers all the season in the same spots.

I might add that the cost of building the arches is very moderate. We used willow branches; they are lasting and pliable.

Mrs. R. A. Grinder, Pa.

I Grow Gladioli Because I Love Them!

BY PAUL L. WARD

I grow them because I love them; they rank first among the vast array of Nature's flower gifts for the reason that they combine so many of the good points that go to make a flower a thing of beauty and a joy to the grower.

Only a few years back and the Gladioli was a little known and less appreciated flower; it lacked size; it lacked color; it lacked grace, but man, with a desire to improve on Nature, found here one of his most pliable subjects, and the garden queen of to-day can scarcely be recognized as of the same family.

Probably not one out of each thousand who reads this article but has grown or seen this flower, but I will venture that not over one out of ten has seen it at its best. Every color and combination of colors is represented; every shade and tint, and suggestions of hidden colors that flash in the sun and are gone. I will except the pure blue, a shade not yet obtained, but only because of its elusiveness, and the goal of all hybridizers. Geraldine Farrar, a variety produced in California, is said to be very close to true blue, and has the habit of producing more than one spike from a single eye, a trait unknown in any other sort.

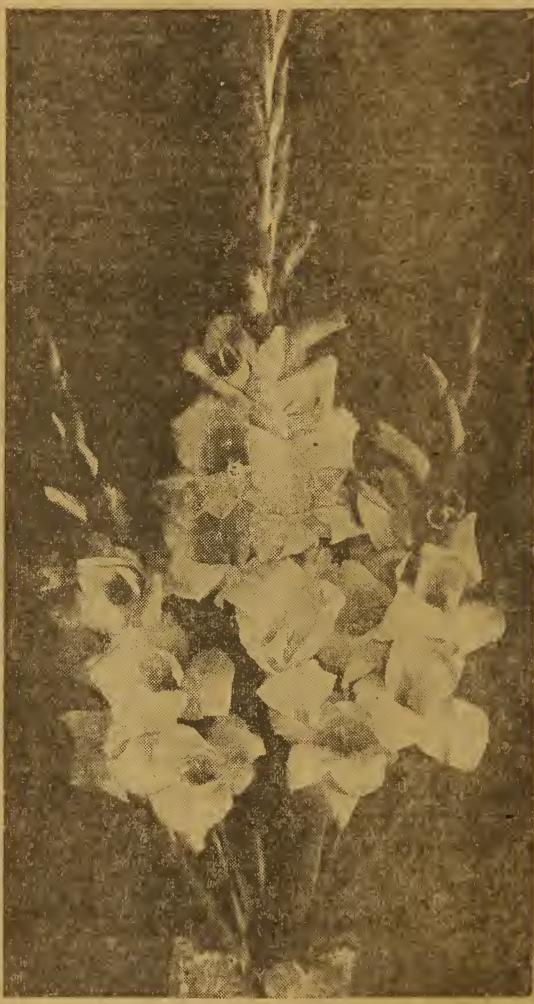
In size you can start with the dainty Primulinus type, with its inch and a half to three inch in diameter flower, but withal of a richness and color unsurpassed, up to the seven inch in diameter flowers grown in California. You can have giant flowers opening one bloom a day for ten days to two weeks, or you may choose sorts opening five to seven at once and finishing the job with eleven to fifteen open at a time but lasting a scant five days. In short, every taste of color and type can be amply gratified.

The illustration used herewith is Mrs. Dr. Norton, a medium size, many flowers open; a fit representative of the strictly modern Gladiolus.

With this month planting time is here for most of us. In the latitude of Pennsylvania and States west bulbs can safely be started by April 15th, but there is little to be gained by planting them until the soil is warm, as they will simply lie dormant until the right time comes. Now, if your bulbs have been rightly kept they will be hard and firm, perhaps the tip of the sprout just peeping through the brown cover, and the points at the base will

show where the roots are anxious to push forth.

Many failures are due to over deep planting, or perhaps, more strictly speaking, to the lack of drainage caused by the bulb being too far down. Even with the largest size bulbs I do not advise a depth of over four inches. This may require staking or running wires each side of the rows, to keep the wind from spoiling the bloom spikes, but you will have healthy bulbs and bulblet increase is much more likely. If you have small bulbs, say one inch diameter or less, two to three inches will suffice, and if you have the bulblets, those little fellows that were around the old bulb when you dug them last fall, they should be soaked in warm water about three days and then planted like garden peas, not over an inch and a half deep; the soil above them kept wet first two weeks at least; do not use water on bulbs proper until six or more inches high and then only when very dry. Big bulbs need from two to six inches between them, smaller bulbs one



GLADIOLUS; MRS. DR. NORTON

to three inches.

It is well to ridge dirt above bulbs an inch or so higher than surrounding soil, and then every few days rake off a little until level is reached. This will keep the soil loose, preserve moisture and kill weeds before the Gladiolus come through. Any soil that will grow good corn will grow good Gladiolus, but drainage must be very good or diseased and rotting bulbs will result.

Tillandsia-Usneoides

It is not necessary to be a botanist, combing the forests and wild lands of South Florida, to appreciate the numerous species of *Tillandsia*. The Floridans say "Air Plant". This plant belongs to the Bromeliaceae (Pine Apple family) and is named in honor of Prof. *Tillands*, of Abo. If you travel westward from West Palm Beach towards Lake Okeechobee, you will pass by many hammocks of scrub cypress; now, early in February, these Cypress trees begin to show new foliage, and clinging to them are thousands of these *Hymenophyllaceae*s, which thrive in the damp, primaeval forests, the leaves pineapple-like, with a floriferous central extending from one to five feet, the short ones blooming during the Winter months. The colors are carmine, crimson, greenish yellow; the florets generally a beautiful shade of blue, with the very minute anthers and pistle extending, thus adding to the beauty.

This "Air Plant" differs from the *Orchidaceae* and many *Aroidae*, in that they do not have aerial roots. Epiphytic *Bromeliaceae* catch the rain water in reservoirs formed by their closely approximated leaves, and then eagerly take it up through the scaly hairs which cover the leaf surfaces. Epiphytes are not parasitic; they do not feed on their host as parasitic plants do.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

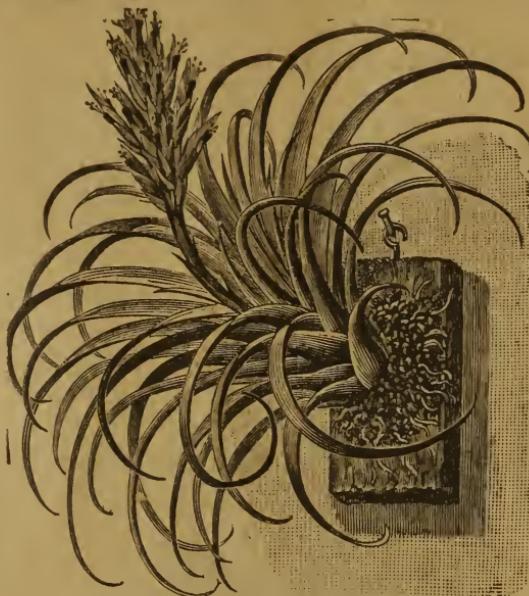
Dear Floral Friends:—I have been a subscriber for years but have never written before, neither have I ever noticed in the *Floral Magazine* a letter from southwestern Idaho. In the January number in "Questions and Answers" you say, (what I have heard before) that a "flower once white is always white"; if so how can iron filings placed around the roots of pink *Hydrangeas* give them a blue shade? Also, why will soot around Roses intensify the color?

I purchased a white Persian Lilac one Spring and it bloomed soon after, white as it should be, but the following Spring it was a dirty pink. It is now five years old and this year was a deep old-rose color, blooming darker each year. A perennial *Campanula*, which was white in a town twenty miles away, was a dirty pink here; then when moved around the corner of the house it bloomed white again. All of my white *Columbines*, set in one bed, turned to the same "dirty" pink. I have been assured repeatedly that it "aint so", but if not, then "how come"?

I must be on the "peck" today for I cannot endorse one of the "Friends" enthusiasm over ten miles or more of single red *Geraniums*

In reality the common name "Air Plant" is correct; they simply cling to their host and feed on any substance that falls into them, dust, insects, etc. If you risk the rattle snakes and go into the Cypress forests you will see the little chameleon looking for insects. This was a rare treat for the writer; it was an added charm to see these little creatures catching insects that for some cause enter the foliage of the *Tillandsia*. These plants are pulled off the trees and nailed up anywhere as ornamental plants, and they are among the most interesting wild plants in South Florida.

John S. Weaver, a Pennsylvanian in Florida.



TILLANDSIA; The Air Plant in Florida

never save the seed as it is self-sown, and comes in bloom very early, while quite small, and seed ripens about June, I think. Crepe Myrtle, Ala.

The everlasting, *Helichrysum arenarium*, in Europe, is bleached white, or bleached and dyed in different colors and kept for gay Winter bouquets.

flanked by a similar row of *Callas*, or twenty miles of palms set so close to the walk that they will knock off your hat unless securely pinned. Neither do I care about a whole side hill of *Dusty Miller*. Greater variety and less formality seem to me Nature's way improved upon by man's taste and ingenuity.

Mrs. Lucy Teed, Kuna, Idaho.

FLOWERS EVERYWHERE

By ELSIE BLUDWORTH DAVIS

All the world is decked in flowers,
Flowers of every hue;
Flowers hardy, strong and sure,
Bathed in heaven's dew;
Dainty flowers grown within.
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Waxen balls, chrysanthemums,
And lovely orchids rare.
Flowers in the garden,
Flowers on the hill,
Flowers in the meadow grass,
And flowers by the mill.
Water flowers in the streams
Form a lovely sight;
Flowers blooming on the vines
Climb to lofty height.
Flowers in and out of doors,
Flowers everywhere—
Even gorgeous butterflies
Are flowers in the air.

SPRING

Fragrance and color and light
 A bird's flight;
 Creeping things
 And things with wings
 And stings,
 Come forth at night.
 A flutter, a breeze—
 Things like these
 Make Spring.
 Florence Hartman Townsend, Texas.

FRIENDS' FLORAL FRIENDS

Dear Floral Friends:—Will you listen to a stranger's chat just a minute? I enjoy all the letters very much indeed. In my mother's garden, in old Kentucky, there grew a plant locally known as "Flax Pink", about a foot high and the spikes of flowers were shaped like Snapdragon, and were yellow and white. The foliage, as I remember it, was a sage green and resembled that of the Carnation

family. It was perfectly hardy. Will the Editor or some Sister help me find it?

Mrs. Joe A. Biles, Ada, Okla.

My Dear Floral Friends: I do so enjoy reading the floral magazines. I think if it were not for my flowers and the pleasure I get out of them, there would sure be some moments of my life not very happy. Perhaps some flower lovers do not know that they can propagate Chrysanthemums by cutting with the greatest of ease. Just insert them in the ground out of doors in the growing months, preferably June and July. Keep damp and place Mason jars or glasses over them and shade at first from sun, and they grow very easily.

Do any of our Floral Friends know if the wild Mountain, or Christmas Holly, which bears red berries, can be successfully transplanted in yards and cultivated? Any information will be gladly received. I am, and always have been, a flower lover.

Mrs. S. I. C., Ohio.

A Hardy Scotch Garden

I am a stranger to the Floral Magazine, but I hope none the less welcome, as I am a Scotch lover of flowers, who has come across the Atlantic to make my home in this wonderful new land of yours, and I want to help one of our contributors, who signs herself "Bell Heather", with her garden if I may, as the flowers of old Scotland are very well known to me. And, at least, Bell Heather has got "the wrong sow by the lug" in considering *Erica* as Scotch Heather, because *Erica* is of the Heath family and is a native of Africa and New Zealand. Considerable skill is required to grow it in Scotland, where indeed, it is generally grown as a greenhouse plant, but even under cover it will suddenly "up and die".

There are but two varieties of Scotch Heather (*Calluna alba* and *Calluna vulgaris*). It never grows wild in the United States, but plants are offered for sale by certain growers in this country.

To make a genuine Scotch Garden I would suggest selections from the following plants: *Cytisus scoparius*, Scotch Broom; *Cytisus andreanus*, the yellow flowering with mahogany wings; *Tropaeolum canariense*, Canary Bird Flower, or Vine; *Veronica dicensata*, violet-blue *Veronica*; *Rosemary*; *Ribes aureum*, Flowering Currant; Lord Penzance

Brier, the very best Brier-Rose; *Aloysia citriodora*, Lemon Balm, or Lemon Scented Verbena; *Spiraea ulmifolia*, meadow Sweet; *Primula vulgaris*, Yellow Primrose; *Dianthus plumarius*, Scotch Pink; *Astilbe Japonica*, incorrectly called Spirea; *Mertensia virginica*, Scotch Bluebell, or Virginian Cowslip; *Fuchsia Neptune*, Ladies Ear; *Fuchsia Renan*; *Crataegus punctata*, Hawthorne; *Lonicera*, Wild Woodbine; *Laburnum vulgare*, Golden Chain.

The Scotch call Broom "whin", and whins and gorses only differ in that the whins are smooth and the gorses prickly, but I understand they are not the same botanically.

"Lad's Love" I do not know this by name.

Fraoch gorm (red) is Purple Heather, while *fraoch dearg* (snow) is White Heather. Variations are purely local and not botanical. Better give Lemon Balm a sheltered nook.

If you are interested in hearing more about the hardy flowers of Scotland I dearly love to write of them, though they have been said and sung so often by far better

pens than mine, but perhaps the Scottish poets are not so much read as they used to be.

The cold, damp climate of auld Scotia has developed a peculiarly tenaciousness in its plants that has made for improvement.

Eirich Agus (Whin Bush), Napa, Calif.



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This Mallow is an exceedingly decorative plant when grown in large flower beds or borders, or in groups on the lawn and, so as to enable the plants to properly develop themselves, should be given an open, sunny situation, a very deep, well enriched soil and, if the opportunity offers, liberal supplies of water during seasons of drought. A liberal mulch of coarse, littery manure should be given during the winter months, and in the early Spring let the finer portion be carefully dug in around the plants; this should be supplemented by an application of bone-meal.

Propagation is effected by a careful division of the older clusters, or clumps, in the early Spring, but seeds, which are freely produced, will be found the most satisfactory way of increasing one's supply, and these should be sown



HIBISCUS CRIMSON EYE

early in April, in a nicely prepared border, in a warm, sheltered situation; sow very thinly, and as soon as the young plants are large enough to handle let them be transferred to another border similarly prepared, and placed in rows about five or six inches apart, the plants standing about four inches in the row, where they can remain until large enough to be transferred to their permanent home in the mixed flower bed or border.

Chas. E. Parnell,
New York.

Old-Fashioned Sweet Brier

A number of our contributors have written how much they loved Sweet Brier when they were youngsters running around the farm, and wonder why they see it no longer, and whether or not it is extinct. Mention of it by "Unknown", in the Magazine, has brought responses from all over creation, from which it is in evidence just about as much as ever, and if "Unknown" will write to Miss Louise M. Ives, Route 2, New Boston, Ills., with a nice little note telling how much she really does love the plant I would not be surprised if she received one, and I am sure it is not necessary to suggest that postage stamps to cover the mailing be enclosed.

EDITOR.

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HOW WALTER SAVED THE ROSE

Dear father brought a lovely rose
When he came home one day,
It was so choice, it seemed a shame,
For it to fade away.

It was in the cruel Winter time,
Which made us prize it more
Than if in June, the month of brides,
He'd brought the florist's store.

The color was a soft shell-pink,
The shade I like so well,

Like that God used to adorn
The ocean's great conch shell.

Our eyes we feasted on its grace,
So regal and so fair,

We all agreed it could not be
More perfect or more rare.

My lame boy with the artist's eye,
Coupled with inborn skill,
Portrayed it on a canvas,
Where the Rose is living still.

When snow bound is old Mother Earth,
In our bright sitting-room,
The Rose smiles from its gilded frame,
To cheer the Winter's gloom.

Eva Wendell Smith, N. Y.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends:—I know Corydalis; she is a wild flower—hence the absence of her family tree from the catalogues.

Marguerite, mine has been a similar experience with the Christmas Cactus. A branch broken off by accident rooted in a glass of water.

Lady-in-the-Green used to grow in our old garden; have heard the name "Love-in-a-Mist" for it, but we called it, less poetically, "Devil-in-a-Bush"—the latter name probably referring to the horned seed-pods, rather than the flower. The present-day Nigella seems to be like it.

But don't you suppose Mariposa wrote all that just to get us going?

I have visited a pioneer cemetery similar to that described by Fern. The old-fashioned pinks have grown there unattended for years; they are beautiful in bloom, and never unsightly. A Flowering Almond—(anybody know its real name?)—has been a joy in Spring, and has not spread unduly. Roses, Lilacs, and Euphorbia have proved hardy, but increased so rapidly that, though wonderful in their blooming season, at other times they become "weedy". In a well-tended cemetery there is a hillside covered with Mossy Stone-Crop, (Sedum acre) and Arbutus, yellow-flowered Myrtle—isn't it Moneywort?—which produces a striking effect when in bloom, and the rest of the year is inconspicuous.

Bell Heather, Mich.

My Dear Floral Friends: Years ago I was given what was called a Tuberous Rooted Begonia. It threw up a warty looking stalk about a foot high and had very pretty leaves deeply veined and hairy, of a dark red color, at the intersection of each leaf a little black seed, about the size of a wheat grain, appeared, which, in due time, dropped to the ground and took root, producing a plant of an uneven variety not at all like those I have seen, but hope I have been explicit enough so that I may get an answer from our good Editor or some one who has my coveted plant, because I would be so pleased to know what it really is and all about it. I will be eighty-three my next birthday but how I do love flowers.

Mrs. Anna B. Smith, Montezuma, Iowa.



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Geraniums From Seed



I wonder if my readers have had the delightful experience of growing Geraniums from seed? Last Summer I saved seed from my choicest flowers and very carefully sowed them in a pot of dirt, and almost every seed came up. When the little things were about an inch tall I repotted them, giving each one a separate pot, and it was not very long before I had a fine lot of

thrifty plants, and I am looking forward to some new colored flowers among them, perhaps one that may be so fine that I can sell it, and thus make my "fortune"—stranger things by far have happened.

I shall not say that mixed Gladiolus are not beautiful, but I do know that named sorts are ever so much more lovely, and interesting. How could one make friends of her flowers if she did not know them by name? It will be money well spent to buy at least a few expensive named Gladiolus; you will be so glad you did when you see their lovely blossoms, and you will have a nice start with bulbs for next year.

A Collection Of Aloes

Once upon a time I had a nice collection of Aloes, but all have gone excepting one variety, which for years has grown fat with age. Each Spring it bears numerous babies, or off-sets, fat and plump as the parent plant. It has spotted leaves, but sometimes the drainage will become stopped up by roots and then I have to take the plant out, let it dry a few days, cut off the dead roots and then repot. But it soon again throws out new, strong roots and goes right on growing. I count it one of my finest, old plants.

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"I feel like I did at 35," says Mr. Glascock, "and seem to be getting stronger every day. During my three weeks' use of the new discovery, pains and weaknesses of many years' standing disappeared almost magically. Today I am as vigorous and supple as I was in the prime of life. Furthermore, when I began using the compound, my memory was virtually gone and I was almost blind. Now my mind is clear and active and I can read the finest print without difficulty."

In order to find out whether the results were lasting, Mr. Glascock waited six months before reporting on his test of the discovery. On this point he says:

"Every passing day strengthens my conviction that my restoration is not only complete but permanent. I can't express the happiness this great discovery has brought to me. It has made me 'young' again."

Similar reports are being made almost daily. For instance, D. W. Wood of New Orleans, past 60 years of age, says: "The compound has brought me back to as good, healthy physical condition as I enjoyed at 35. I am apparently as supple as at 25 and my eyesight is better than for years. I would not take \$5,000 for what the discovery has done for me."

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THOMAS J. GLASCOCK

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BORDER ADVENTURES

I always anxiously await a visit from our "Oldest Inhabitant", shortly after February First. He always comes laden with prophecy regarding the probable length of cold weather ahead, based on the suppositious behavior of the ground hog. But when he disagrees with me and dolefully prognosticates "Six weeks more ice and snow"—I simply don't pay any attention to him. Is not my order safely in the hands of the seedsman? It will be filled among the very first. And I am poking around on thawy days getting fresh, rich earth for my seed boxes. I'll let them get warmed up and all the weed seeds germinated before I plant my precious packets. Yes! I know that by putting the earth in the oven and over heating it one may kill all the weed seeds. But I think it takes something out of the soil, too. So I don't do it. My way is safe, whether it be sane or not.

And one should stroll out along the permanent borders, now and then, and be sure the covers aren't turned down, and some of the more tender flower folk chilled too much. The February-March period, with the alternate



SALVIA SPLENDENS

freezing and thawing, is the very time our flower friends need their extra wrappings, just as we do. We're always glad when March comes in like a lion. The wind stirs and tosses the leaf mulch on the Perennials and gives a breath of air to the sleepers below. They must not be uncovered too prematurely, or they may perish, just at the end of the race. They must not be allowed to keep their cover too long either. Experience teaches the 'just when', but the March wind helps a lot, as I've just said.

Our seed orders have come in by this time, and we must get them in the boxes, or seed flats. You'll have a package of *Salvia*, of course; it is so decorative. To be sure, if you lifted your plants last fall and stored them in a frost-proof cellar, they may be reset again and bloom much earlier. So many of us do not realize that *Salvia* is a tender Perennial. One may do the same with *Snapdragon*.

I am hoping, if you love Dahlias, that you have ordered a packet of seed from some reputable seedsman. The loveliest Dahlias I've ever grown were seedlings. Started this month, they will be quite thrifty, before time

for open ground. They may be sown in the open, and still bloom the first year, if sown early.

And have you ever tried Geraniums? Or the wonderful Oriental Chrysanthemums? My lovely Columbine, the *Gypsophila* and *Gaillardia*, spent their nursery days in a seed flat. Just so we do not attempt too much—the failing of every novice. Better do one thing well, you know!

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Dear Floral Friends:—I have been reading Edith B. Spaulding, Mich., in regard to Flower-of-an-Hour, and am convinced from her description that it is what we call Black-Eyed Susan, and about the worst pest I have to fight in my garden. So I would like to give her a warning to be careful as it grows, blooms, seeds and grows again, several times in a season here, and it seems impossible to get rid of it, for if one plant escapes the hoe it will produce hundreds of seeds for a new crop. If Mrs. Chas. Bly, Ariz., wants seed of it I can send her some next Summer. I think it is pretty, too, but when one has to fight it as a very persistent weed, he soon wishes he had never seen it. I certainly enjoy our Magazine and read every bit of it.

Mrs. H. F. Stewart, Saffordville, Kans.

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EXCHANGES

EDITOR'S NOTE—After all exchanges now in my hands have been published, I must make it a rule that no single notice may be more than three lines, and that no more than one notice for the same person will appear in the same month, nor more than three a year—these restrictions all seem necessary to be fair to everyone.

I wish to hear from those who have hardy perennials to exchange, send lists. C. E. Parnell, Floral Park, N. Y.

Monthly rose cuttings and elephant ear bulbs, for other bulbs. Mrs. Bertha Anthony, Enola, Ark.

I have post card views of the West and flower seeds for house plants and pot bulbs. Ada Stewart, 2015 House St., Cheyenne, Wyo.

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Naught but decay seemed there.

Looking one day, a change, behold!
Up from the bulbous root,
Lo! doth a germ of life unfold,
Springeth a tiny shoot,
Then did the Easter Lily grow,
Shortly the leaves were seen,
Ere we could scarce believe it so,
Buds hid among the green.

Only a few more sunny days,
Then they burst forth in bloom,
Cheering and brightening all our ways,
Shedding a sweet perfume.
Beautiful Lily, pure and fair,
Type of the Easter-tide,
May we from you learn lessons rare,
Which shall with us abide.

Out of the darkness and the gloom,
Jesus the Lord arose;
Nothing could keep Him in the tomb,
He overcame His foes.
"Why seek the living with the dead?"
Thus had the angels said,
"He is not here, for He is risen,
Go and the tidings spread".

Then did the women tell the news,
Nor could it be denied,
Christ to disciples did appear.
Showed them His hands and side.
Jesus ascended up on high,
Gifts unto men He gave,
Left to His own a legacy,
Victory o'er the grave.

Sorrowing hearts, so tempted, tried,
Burdened with sins and fears,
Look up to Christ, this Easter time,
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Dear Floral Friends:—Having read our Magazine for about 20 years I thought it about time to write. I was much interested in the January number, especially the letters of Mrs. Stewart, Wyoming, Dry-Gardening by Florence Hartman Townsend, Texas, and others. Mrs. Stewart is from my State, but evidently from the dry-farming part. I have been using irrigation for six years. The main drawback with it is that you have to plant in rows, and be sure you can get the water to the rows. If one has sloping ground the irrigating is much easier.

When we came here I was told that flowers did no good, but I decided to try them myself, as originally "I'm from Missouri". Let me tell you I have had a flower display at our County Fair every year since, and people come from nearby towns to see my garden in the Summer.

The trouble here is the short season. The very hardy Perennials do well here, and all Annuals that require only a short season, and the hardy Bulbs, such as Tulips, and several kinds of Lilies do exceptionally well. Dahlias and Gladioli are very easily raised and grow hugely large. It is interesting, and sometimes amusing, to watch people at the Fair flower display; I have heard some declare that "those flowers must have been raised in a hot-house". Of course, several folks who live in town have a few flowers, but seldom are there any on the ranches. And where water is plentiful I cannot see why one should not have a few flowers in the garden.

The letter from Texas is interesting as I know what one has to contend with down there, and one has something to be proud of when she succeeds. I was in Oklahoma near the Texas line for several years and I had flowers, and I tell you I earned them.

I would gladly correspond with Mrs. Stewart and Florence Hartman Townsend if they will send addresses. Wish I could have visited the Chrysanthemum Show our Editor told us about. Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Box 565, Basin, Wyoming.

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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I have been reading my Magazine tonight, and want to wish all the Sisters success with their gardens this year. I made lots of changes in my gardens last Autumn, made new beds, and can hardly wait until Spring to see what success I have. I have put many wild flowers into my gardens and they are quite as beautiful, to my mind, as some of the expensive plants. I took so many of them from places where they were neglected, simply fighting for life, and how they thrive when given loving care. I have beautiful blue Violets, and they grow so large when given cultivation. I also have Lady Slippers, Ferns and Wild Wisteria, the latter dug from the banks of the Androscoggin near my home, and now, happily climbing cedar trees, and other accommodating supports in my gardens. They tell me it multiplies very rapidly, but it will have to get pretty numerous to annoy me, as the delicate vines are among the most beautiful I have ever seen.

I am very fond of old time plants, and was anxious to have my own garden contain all those plants I knew and loved in my grandmother's garden, but to others who love them too, let me give a bit of warning—be careful that you do not get some innocent looking plant near other beloved plants, only to find after a few years, that it has spread all over everything, and you simply can't get rid of it. This was my sad experience with old fashioned Blue Bells. I was several years trying to get them, now I sometimes think I shall be several hundred years getting rid of them, and it seems as if the roots reach down to China. Of course I still like them (in their place) but I want something else to have a chance to grow, too.

Are yellow Roses more difficult to grow than other colors? They are my favorites, and oh, the bushes of them I have purchased, only to have them die, while other colors flourished right beside them. I hope next season I may have a few of them blooming.

How interesting it would be if the sisters were to tell us something of the wild flowers growing in their particular States. I believe the Magazine reaches practically every State in the Union. Don't we all enjoy the Sisters' letters though? Yellow Rose from Maine.

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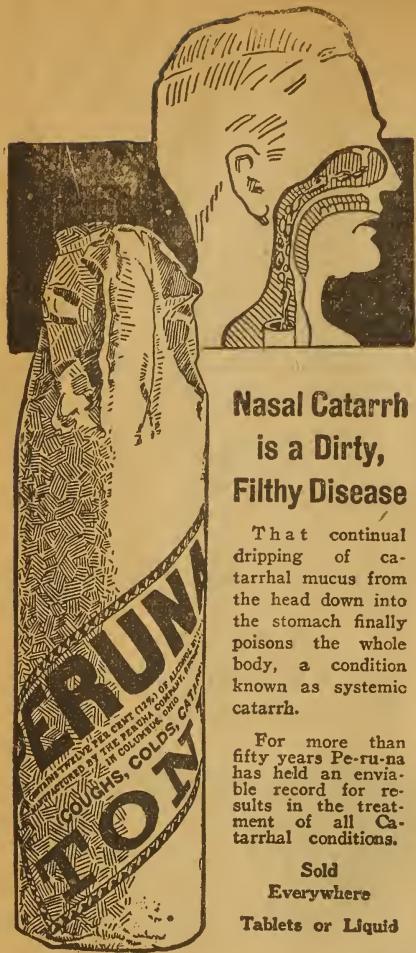
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S. H. C., in the January Magazine, inquired for the name of the plant she knew as a child as "Grandmother's Nightcap".

Numerous responses have been received and they do not all suggest the same plant. From Broaddus College, West Virginia, for example, comes the suggestion that it is possibly *Aconitum uncinatum*, or Wild Monkshood, the flower very decidedly like an old-fashioned nightcap; blue in color. There are other varieties of *Aconite*, the flowers of which are similar, but none so very much like it as *uncinatum*. Another, from the same State, writes she has a flower which she calls "Grandmother's Nightcap", or Shell-Flower, the botanical name of which is *Moluccella*. This particular plant is commonly called Shell-Flower, because the calyx is like a shell, into which the seeds nestle like eggs. It is also known as Molucca Balm, but I can see nothing in the form of the flower suggestive of a nightcap.

A reader in Arkansas writes it is *Aconite*; another, in Kansas, that she knows the plant as "Thimble and Needle"; while an Illinois reader remembers it as *Moluccella*, and a Mississippi correspondent has plants which she knows as Grandmother's Nightcap, or Devil's Claws. Now Devil's Claws, or Catsclaw, is a common name given to *Acacia Greggii*, or Texas Mimosa, because of its short, curved spines. This is also known as Paradise Flower. It is quite likely the same common name is applied to different flowers in varied localities, but if the form of the flower itself is to be considered an indication I would incline strongly towards *Aconitum uncinatum*.—EDITOR.



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Q. I am sending a sample of flower and leaf of a plant I received as a gift. Would like to know the name and how to take care of it.—J. B. M., Nebr.

A. Cyclamen. During flowering season water with a little liquid manure every week; keep soil continuously moist, though not wet; syringe foliage frequently on both sides with clear water; a cool temperature and moist atmosphere are desirable to produce a healthy plant.—EDITOR.

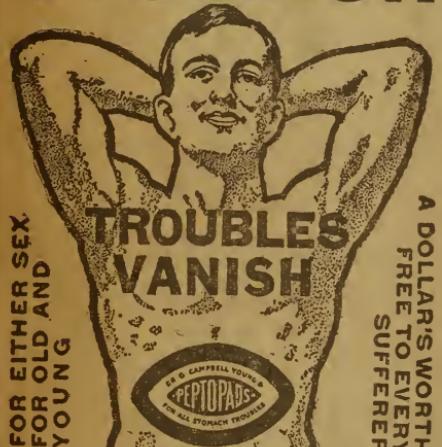
Q. My Ten-Weeks Stocks are two years old, but have not bloomed; I have them in the garden in Summer and in pots in Winter. What shall I do?—A. P., Mo.

A. Throw them away and buy good, new seed, which is best sown indoors not later than April 10th, the seedlings transplanted outdoors about third week of May, and should bloom in ten or twelve weeks. Plant in deep, rich soil, partly shaded from mid-day sun, and supply plenty of water.—EDITOR.

Q. I enclose a leaf from a plant that has never bloomed for me. Please, what is it?—Mrs. J. P. ILLS.

A. Leaf dried, but apparently Tradescantia virginica, commonly known as Spider Wort, perennial, in bloom all Summer, flowers strangely interesting, in shades of blue to mauve, pink, violet, whitish, etc. The pot variety is our common "Wandering Jew", well known for its variegated foliage.—EDITOR.

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Q. Cannot get my Christmas Cactus to bloom; if buds do come they all fall off.—Mrs. R. S., Penna.

A. Too much water. In Summer and while plants are growing, water moderately and keep in full sunshine. In Autumn water sparingly until buds appear then increase. If drainage is poor and soil sour repot, remembering that plants a little root-bound bloom more freely.—EDITOR.

Q. What causes little gnats in the soil of my house plants? The earth seems full of tiny worms.—R. B., Kans.

A. Soil is sour. Repot promptly, putting plenty of broken pots or stone at the bottom for drainage; water with lime water.—EDITOR.

Q. How shall I prevent stalks of Hardy Phlox dying in mid-Summer?—L. C. A., W. Va.

A. Spray with lime-sulphur solution every two weeks until the plants bloom.—EDITOR.

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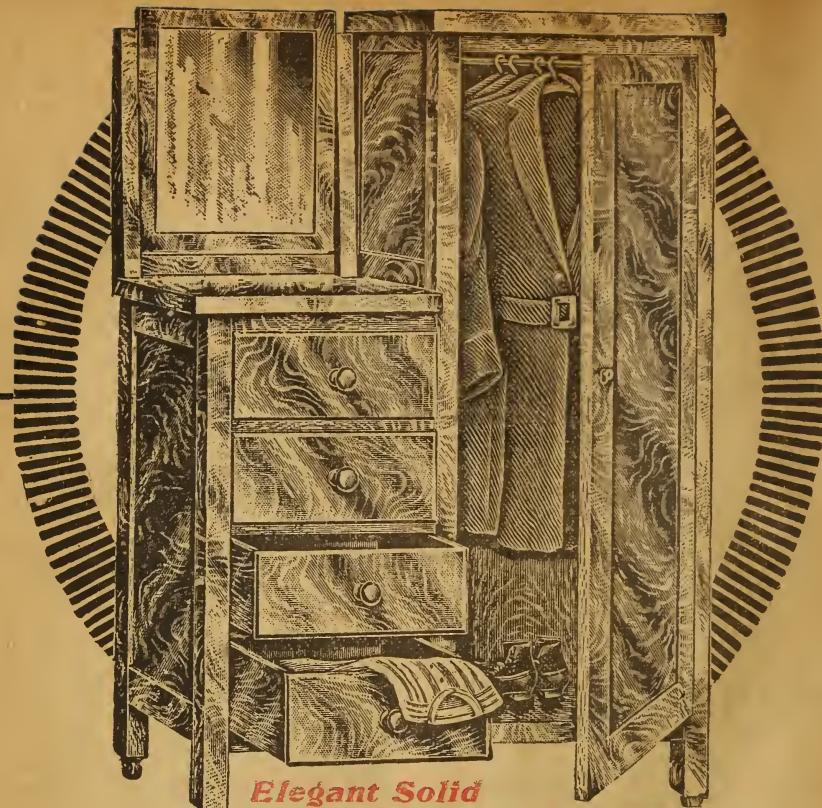
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Dear Floral Friends:—Seeing Mrs. Bly's item in the Feb. No. about "Youth and Old Age" called to mind a bed of them I had over twenty years ago. I see she says hers were all one shade of red. Mine were all a pale canary yellow, with a dark center, and single. I have seen Zinnias given in catalogues under the name "Youth and Old Age". They very much resemble a Zinnia in plant and flower; the seeds however are a trifle different in shape from those of a Zinnia, as each seed has a tiny horn or prong on each wide corner, that is the end away from the center of the flower.

The same writer also mentions a flower called "Black-Eyed Susan". These grew in our yard in my childhood home but I have not seen any for a good many years. In some catalogues, Thunbergia is given as Black-Eyed Susan, but it is not the same as those old time flowers. In a recent Magazine some one mentioned another old time plant that we knew as "Needle and Thimble". I raised it as a child. It grew ten or twelve inches high, and at the leaf axils the flower (if one could call it a flower) came out, tiny at first and growing larger. This was a pale green in color, rather trumpet-shaped and was the "thimble", while three, usually three, thorns grew at the same place and were the "needles". I have not seen it for years, but while traveling this Summer I saw them growing wild up in the mountains, I think in Utah. I got some seeds but they were not matured, so I doubt if they will grow. I have never heard the botanical names of any of these three plants.

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A. Sheep manure.—EDITOR.

Q. The enclosed leaf is from a low-growing plant that I wish you would please name for me.—M. W., Mo.

A. *Anthemis montana*.—EDITOR.

Q. When I was a little girl we had a row of dwarf evergreens about a foot high, with leaves like the wintergreen. I would like to know what it is.—P. Q., Mich.

A. Undoubtedly Boxwood, hardy and evergreen, prunable to any height and form.—EDITOR.

Q. What vine shall I use to climb the side of a building and that cattle will not eat?—O. J. L. A., Texas.

A. *Ampelopsis veitchii*, but protect from tramping until plant gets a good start.—EDITOR.

Q. Please name the plant that has the little pointed leaves, a sample of which I enclose you, about three-quarters of an inch across, tiny little leaflets of very bright green.—Mrs. B. P. H.

A. *Polemonium caeruleum*, commonly known as Jacob's Ladder, or Charity; a very pretty, old-fashioned perennial, rarely annual.—EDITOR.

Q. I have one hundred Tulip bulbs to dispose of. Where can I sell them?—Mrs. L. B., Va.

A. Among your neighbors, possibly; there is no commercial demand, as tulips are imported exclusively from Holland.—EDITOR.

Q. My Crocuses have worked up near the top of the ground and are frozen hard. Will they bloom or are they ruined?—K. F., Tenn.

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Q. Does it injure Hyacinths in any way to cut bloom spikes?—D. W., Ark.

A. No. Be careful to cut them, do not pull them off as this injures the bulb, often permanently.—EDITOR.

Q. I am sending leaf of a plant they call here Star of Bethlehem. Cannot find anything in the catalogues that describes the one I saw—covered with large, white blossoms. Would like to know its real name and where I can get it.—I. M., Penna.

A. Sorry, but leaf was not enclosed. However, *Ornithogalum umbellatum* is the Star of Bethlehem that grows wild in many places. There are many tender varieties cultivated as pot-plants. *Ornithogalum arabicum* is the most popular species for pot-growing. *Eucharis grandiflora* (or *amazonica*) is also called Star of Bethlehem; its flowers are waxy and star-like. *Milla biflora* is known as Mexican Star of Bethlehem.—EDITOR.

Q. My Star Begonia grows well, but will not bloom; have had it one year. What is the trouble?—J. L., Texas.

A. Possibly due to acidity of soil. Apply bone meal to surface soil and stir in. Flowering plants do not require as large pots as do foliage plants—flowers are more abundant if plant is a little pot bound.—EDITOR.

Q. I wonder if you can help me find an old-time flower I am searching for. I remember it as "The Little Gold Button"; its local name. About 18 ins. high and bore a profusion of flowers about the size of a dime, perfectly double like miniature roses, and of a rich yellow. It was among the early Spring flowers.—C. G., Va.

A. *Ranunculus acris* fl. pl. is undoubtedly the flower you are trying to locate.—EDITOR.

Q. What is the name of the plant from which I have taken the enclosed leaf?—N. S. E., Colo.

A. Agave, probably *purpurea*, but specimens too dried out to be sure.—EDITOR.

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Q. Please name the shrub, a branch of which I enclose. It is used here a great deal.—Mrs. B. S., Mass.

A. Lonicera Morrowi, or Japanese Bush Honeysuckle.—EDITOR.

Q. Why have my Double Violets, purchased at a greenhouse, made lovely plants, but no flowers?—H. H., Conn.

A. You should have taken runners from the plants and grown them out of doors a year, then potted them; the old plants are no good for flowers.—EDITOR.

Q. Please suggest something to make an attractive border for a bed of mixed flowers.—J. M. D., Iowa.

A. Ageratum, Alyssum, or French Dwarf Marigolds, are all nice.—EDITOR.

Q. How old should a Night Blooming Cereus be before it blooms?—W. T., Pa.

A. About five years.—EDITOR.

Q. Please suggest flowers to grow from seed, in sandy soil.—F. C. L., Conn.

A. Petunias, Portulaca, Ageratum, Heliotrope, Balsam and Marigold are all good.—EDITOR.

Q. My Primroses grow well and shoot up large stocks of flowers, but they all die before opening. Begonias, in the same window, bloom profusely. I keep pans of water on the radiators for moisture. What is the trouble?—M. J. K., Ohio.

A. Probably soil is too wet, or sour. Temperature warm enough for Begonias is too hot for Primroses. Give good drainage in moist, light, sandy soil, one-third leaf-mold, in a cooler room.—EDITOR.

Q. How long does it take Shasta Daisy and Hardy Phlox seed to germinate? When should it be sown? Do they require special treatment, and to be kept watered all the time?—C. J. D., Mont.

A. Sow seed in late Fall; Shasta Daisy requires two weeks, and Phlox a little longer to germinate. No special treatment is required, and the soil will probably be naturally sufficiently moist.—EDITOR.

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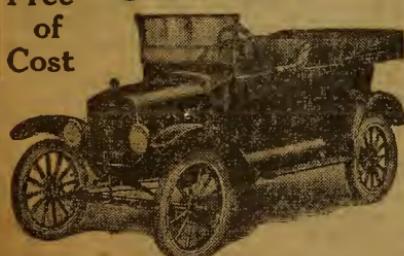
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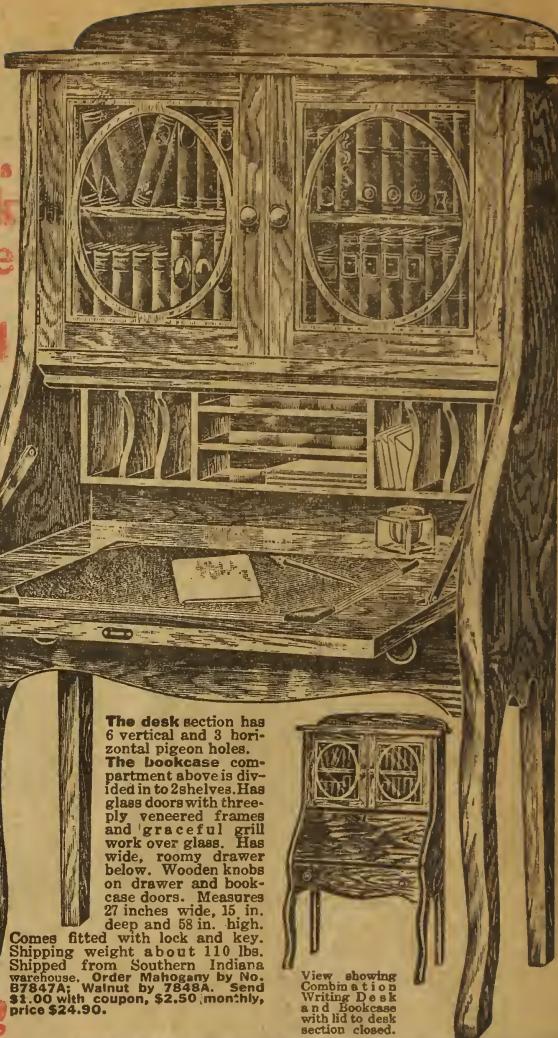
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